

NONCODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored by: Assemblyperson Nowers

Introduced:

Public Hearing:

Adopted:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 25-104**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY NAMING A  
SPOT IN THE CREVASSE MORaine TRAIL SYSTEM IN MEMORY OF DOT HELM.

WHEREAS, Dot Helm was a passionate and dedicated trail user who championed the development and expansion of trail systems throughout the Matanuska-Susitna Valley for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, she was a research professor at the University of Alaska Experiment Farm in Palmer, co-founded the Matanuska Greenbelt Committee and was a founding member of the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation, contributing significantly to the stewardship and accessibility of public lands; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her lifelong commitment to education, research, and volunteerism, Dot Helm was honored with the 2012 Meritorious Service Award, which stated that she "has devoted her life through teaching, research and volunteer work, to cultivating the land and outdoor spaces of the state"; and

WHEREAS, Dot Helm recently passed away, leaving behind a lasting legacy of trail advocacy and community engagement;

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Classification. This Ordinance is a non-code ordinance and is enacted notwithstanding the provisions of MSB 1.51.

Section 2. Dedication and Naming of Facility. In honor of Dot Helm, a memorial bench, plaque and planter be located in the Matanuska Greenbelt Crevasse Moraine Trail System by the Matanuska Susitna Borough Community Development Department.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this day of, 2025.

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EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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